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CASE SHEET

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Country where the human rights violation occurred ARGENTINA
Name of the Victim MARIA TERESA ALVAREZ Cabillos
Nationality ARGENTINE age 22 occupation student
additional identification PARENTS: FRANCISCO & CAROLINA ALVAREZ
Home:

Date of the violation NOVEMBER 17, 1976 Place of the violation Her Home
Description of the violation At 11:00 p.m., on November 17, 1976, FIVE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS, WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS MEMBERS OF THE "COORDINACION FEDERAL" CAME TO THE HOUSE & TOOK MARIA TERESA. FIVE DAYS LATER, SHE TELEPHONED TO SAY SHE WAS ALRIGHT & WOULD RETURN IN A FEW DAYS - THE CALL WAS ABRUPTLY CUT OFF. ON DECEMBER 13, 1976, SEVERAL MILITARY PERSONNEL CAME TO THE HOUSE, INQUIRED ABOUT M. TERESA & SEARCHED THE HOUSE. UPON LEARNING SHE HAD BEEN TAKEN 4 WEEKS PREVIOUSLY, THEY LEFT HURRIEDLY.
Legal actions undertaken in regard to this case "father contacted different governmental departments... to no avail"

Response received Feb. 1977 the GOVERNMENT SAID MARIA TERESA WAS NOT IN ANY JAIL OF BUENOS AIRES. NO REPORT ON WHETHER SHE MAY BE IN
Documents enclosed (if any) A. MILITARY OR ELANDOSTINE JAIL.

The present situation within the country where the victim's human rights were violated is such, that it is impossible to seek legal recourse within that country. It is necessary therefore to have recourse to international agencies with jurisdiction on human rights.
NOIA has received direct information regarding this case from relatives of the victim and from eye witnesses. None of these sources can be mentioned by name because of the serious risks to them from the local authorities. For our part, however, there is no problem being identified as the source of information if you should determine that this would in no way harm the situation for the victim.
Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s): B6

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